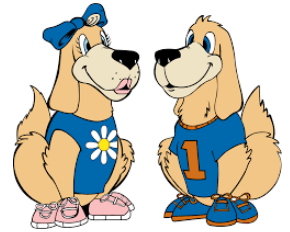


Eliot River Elementary

Mission Statement: Making choices for positive learning



May, 2026

Upcoming Important Dates:

Friday May 1st	PEITF/CUPE Annual Meeting - No School for Students
Thursday May 14th	Spring Fling (11:00am & 6:30pm)
Monday May 18th	Victoria Day - No School
Tuesday May 19th	Home and School Meeting @ 6pm
Monday May 25th-Wednesday May 27th	Tim Horton's Camp (6E Larsen, 6F Arbing and 6G Ellis)
Wednesday May 27th - Friday May 29th	Tim Horton's Camp (6B Tooker/MacPhail, 6C Bradley, 6D Mackenzie, and 6A Thompson)
Thursday May 28th	4A/4B/4H/4F to Strathgartney (all day)
Friday May 29th	4C/4D/4E/4G to Strathgartney (all day)
Wednesday June 3rd	Grade 4 Orientation (for current Grade 3s at Westwood) 4:15 and 5pm
Monday June 15th	Grade 6 Math Provincial Assessment
Tuesday June 16th	Grade 6 Math Provincial Assessment
Wednesday June 17th	Grade 6 to Magic Mountain
Thursday June 18th	Grade 5 to Sandspit (rain date: Monday June 22nd)
Friday June 19th	Grade 4 to Shining Waters
Monday June 22nd	Grade 6 Closing Ceremonies
Thursday June 25th	Last Day for Students

Let Grow:



Let Grow Experience: May

RESPONSIBILITY: Take Care of Others

Last month's theme was **Love Your Planet**.

Eliot River students participated in various activities to celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd. Many students worked outside of their comfort zone in activity groups with different peers and teachers. It was a great day to show our love for the planet.



This month we continue our focus on Responsibility. May's theme is **Take Care of Others**.

Grade 6 Closing: will be held on *Monday June 22nd* in our activity room. The schedule for the day will be as follows:

- 9:00am - Class 6E (Larsen)
- 9:45am - Class 6G (Ellis)
- 10:30am - Class 6A (Thompson)
- 11:15am - Class 6F (Arbing)
- 12:00pm - Class 6D (MacKenzie)
- 12:45pm - Class 6B (Tooker/MacPhail)
- 1:30pm - Class 6C (Bradley)

New Grade 4 Orientation: There will be an orientation for current Grade 3 students (and their families) from Westwood Primary on Wednesday, June 3rd at Eliot River Elementary. We will be offering two sessions at:

- 4:15 p.m
- 5:00 p.m

Please choose whichever session works best for your family. We will meet in the activity room for a quick presentation followed by a tour with the Grade 4 teachers. Please feel free to park in either of our parking lots and enter the school through the front doors.

Spring Fling: Our grade 6s are working hard and we are into our final week of rehearsals for this year's Spring Fling *Pitch Perfect*. The show will be presented on Thursday May 14th, 2026 at UPEI's Performing Arts Centre. There will be two performances (11am and 6:30pm). Ticket sales are now underway. Grade 6 families have received emails about how to get tickets to the show. A reminder:

Our final rehearsal for ALL Grade 6s will be Tuesday May 12th until 4:30pm

Grade 5 Health: Grade 5 Teachers will be introducing the new Health curriculum to grade 5 students the week of May 19th-22nd. Homeroom teachers will be sending home more details in their weekly communication. Stay tuned!

Grade 6 Healthy Me Presentations: *due to scheduling conflicts, the Healthy Me presentations will now take place in June.* Members of the RCMP, led by Constable Tim Keizer, will be presenting the **Healthy Me** program to our grade 6 classes. The officers will lead the students through 6 sessions and explore topics like peer pressure, identifying positive peers, coping skills, harms of vaping, alcohol and marijuana use, and cyber safety. Each student will receive a workbook that they will be able to take home with them after the sessions are complete.

End of Year Field Trips: Are now confirmed. More details to follow, but save the dates:

- Grade 4 is going to Shining Waters on Friday June 19th
- Grade 5 is going to Sandspit on Thursday June 18th
- Grade 6 is going to Magic Mountain on Wednesday June 17th

Coupon Books: We expect our coupon books to arrive next week. We hope to send them home by the end of next week (May 15th).

Booster Juice Smoothies: Were a huge hit this month. Starting in June, we will just be offering the smaller size, as students were having a hard time finishing the larger ones during lunch. These will be served at lunch time and can be ordered via our Hot Lunches program: <https://eliotriver.hotlunches.net/admin/>

Papa Johns Fundraiser: Papa Johns has created a Promo Code for our School. When ordering online, you get a 25% discount on orders and our school will receive 5% of all total sales for the school year ending May 31st.

ERES School PROMO CODE is **ERES1973**



Forks, Spoons, and Water Bottles: If your child orders from the provincial lunch program, please send utensils (fork or spoon) with your child each day, as they are not provided by the program or the school. As well, please send a water bottle to school each day as most of our fountains are water bottle filling stations only.

Do you follow us? At Eliot River, we use emails, newsletters, and social media to share all the fun things going on in our building. Please follow us at:

Instagram: @eliotriver

Facebook: ERES

X: @eliot_river

Home and School on Facebook: Eliot River Home and School

Provincial Home & School News

PEI Home and School Federation Newsletter, May 2026

School Bus Driver Award

Reminder: Home and Schools can nominate a school bus driver for recognition in keeping our children safe as they travel to and from school. Submission date: **Friday, May 8, 2026.**

More at: <https://peihsf.ca/school-bus-driver-of-the-year-award/>

Science Fair 2026 Specialty Awards

The PEI Home and School Federation's Science Fair Specialty Awards were presented to:

Landon Seamon, Gr 9, East Wiltshire (Bio-Shield), and Jaidyn McKinnon, Gr 12, Colonel Gray (Hidden Hazards: Microplastics in Feminine Hygiene Products)

Home and School News Column

President Tom Deelstra's Monthly Home and School columns will be published in The Guardian newspaper and online at <https://peihsf.ca/news/>.

Motion 18 - Tracking school absences due to bullying.

The Legislative Assembly of PEI passed a motion on April 22, 2026, to track school absences due to bullying. Consider inviting your MLA to speak at a Home & School Meeting. More at: [Tracking school absences due to bullying.](#)

Family Violence Prevention Week


The Premier's Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention (PAC) encourages municipalities and community organizations to play an active role in Family Violence Prevention Week, May 11-17, 2026: "Supporting Intergenerational Resilience in Our Communities." Information is online at: <https://www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/I-Need-Help>

PSB Trustees' Updates

Charlottetown Family of Schools Zone 5: As May begins, we reflect on the excitement of celebrating our dedicated Home & School Associations across P.E.I. during the 73rd AGM & Spring Conference, "Stop Bullying. Start Belonging." Congratulations and gratitude to everyone who made the event informative and inspiring. The ideas shared will strengthen our schools and communities. We're happy to support any student events planned for June that foster learning and fun. Minutes from our April 9 Public School Board meeting are available on the [Board of Trustees | Public Schools Branch](#). Kind regards, Andrew (amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca) & Gaylene (gcarragher@edu.pe.ca)

Bluefield Family of Schools, Zone 4: As always, I thoroughly enjoyed attending the PEI Home and School Federation's Annual General Meeting on April 18. I found the resolution discussions very interesting, and I learned more about the challenges that Home and School members face during an information-sharing workshop in the afternoon. Looking forward to chatting with Home and School members in my zone soon! Karen (kclare@edu.pe.ca)

Westisle Family of Schools, Zone 1: As the 2025-2026 school year nears its end, I encourage all students and staff to maintain a good balance among study, rest, and physical activity. Westisle will be one of 6 PEI schools in the new Community Use of Schools pilot program beginning in 2026. I hope this will be a successful initiative and eventually be offered year-round at all Island schools. At the PEI Home and School Federation's AGM on April 18, I expressed concern to Minister Croucher about the cancellation of the Imagination Library, which provides free monthly books to kids under 5. I was pleased to learn of the government's decision on April 21 to reinstate this program. Special congratulations to Penny Newcombe, Ellerslie Elementary, who was recognized at the PEI Home and School Federation's AGM on April 18, as "Home and School Volunteer of the Year", thanking her for all her efforts and contributions. Please feel free to contact me at andrewavery@edu.pe.ca

 **PEI School Food Program Inc.** Members of the public can donate to the PEI School Food Program and receive a charitable receipt. Go to: <https://ordering.peischoolfood.ca/donation> . See Facebook post: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1GTgNnd2Qk/>

Community News

The information provided is for information purposes and is not necessarily sanctioned by the school or Public Schools Branch.

STEAM PEI: Is offering summer camps this year for kids ages 5–14 in the Charlottetown area, hosted at Holland College and the STEAM PEI Makerspace. Our camps give kids the chance to explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math through hands-on, fun activities in a welcoming environment. A great way to keep young minds engaged over the summer! Learn more and register here: <https://bit.ly/4sMGhVt>

WISE SKATEBOARDING PARK: Is Charlottetown’s new indoor skatepark, built to give youth a safe, inclusive space to learn, build confidence, and connect. This summer, we’re offering our Summer Sk8 Camp! A fun, multi-activity day camp that blends skateboarding with games, creative activities, and group challenges, with no experience needed. Beyond summer, Wise also runs year-round programming in our new facility, giving kids and youth ongoing opportunities to stay active, be part of a positive community and learn new skills on and off the board. Register at www.wiseskateboarding.com, or contact megan@wiseskateboarding.com, hannah@wiseskateboarding.com for more information.

UPEI SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS: We’re excited to announce that registration is now open for our upcoming UPEI Summer Basketball Camp! This camp is a fantastic opportunity for young athletes to develop their basketball skills, stay active, and have fun in a supportive and engaging environment. Our experienced coaching staff will focus on skill development, teamwork, and game play, ensuring that players of all levels feel welcome and challenged.

Camp Details:

Location: All Camps will be conducted at UPEI.

Mon 6 th July - Friday 10 th July	½ Day: 9:00am - 12:00pm	Elementary
Mon 13 th July - Friday 17 th July	Full Day: 9:00am - 4:00pm	Jr High
Mon 20 th July - Friday 24 th July	½ Day: 9:00am - 12:00pm	Elementary
Monday 3 rd - Friday 7 th Aug.	½ Day: 9:00am - 12:00pm	Elementary
Monday 10 Aug. - Friday 14 th Aug.	Full Day: 9:00am - 4:00pm	Jr High
Monday 17 th Aug - Thursday 20 th Aug.	½ Day: 9:00am - 12:00pm	Elementary
Monday 24 th Aug. - Friday 28 th Aug.	Full Day: 9:00am - 4:00pm	Super Camp

Whether your child is new to basketball or looking to improve their game, this camp is designed to help them grow both on and off the court.

How to Register:

Spots are limited, so we encourage you to sign up early to secure your child’s place. To register or learn more, please visit:

<https://recreation.upei.ca/program?classificationId=fa8dd5b4-2813-448d-a1a3-a075370580ba>

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out—we’d be happy to help!

Marcus Cusinato - mcusinato@upei.ca



Rise and Climb Day Camps

****Free season membership included****

Grades 3-6

June 29 July 27
July 6 August 3
July 13 August 17
 August 24

Grades 6-9

July 20
August 10

Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30

Activities include:

- ✓ Climbing
- ✓ Zip Lines
- ✓ Plunge
- ✓ Laser Tag
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Crafts
- ✓ Sports
- ✓ Games

Register Online!

www.riseandclimb.ca/camps

info@riseandclimb.ca

youtube.com/@riseandclimbca





PEI COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS

present

**ISLAND WIDE
Poster Making Contest**

In celebration of

Philippine Heritage Month

Send a picture of your entry with your name,
age, & school to julieann.mabana@cbdc.ca

Entries will be accepted **until June 5th**
This is for **youth aged 6-17 or grades 1-12 only**



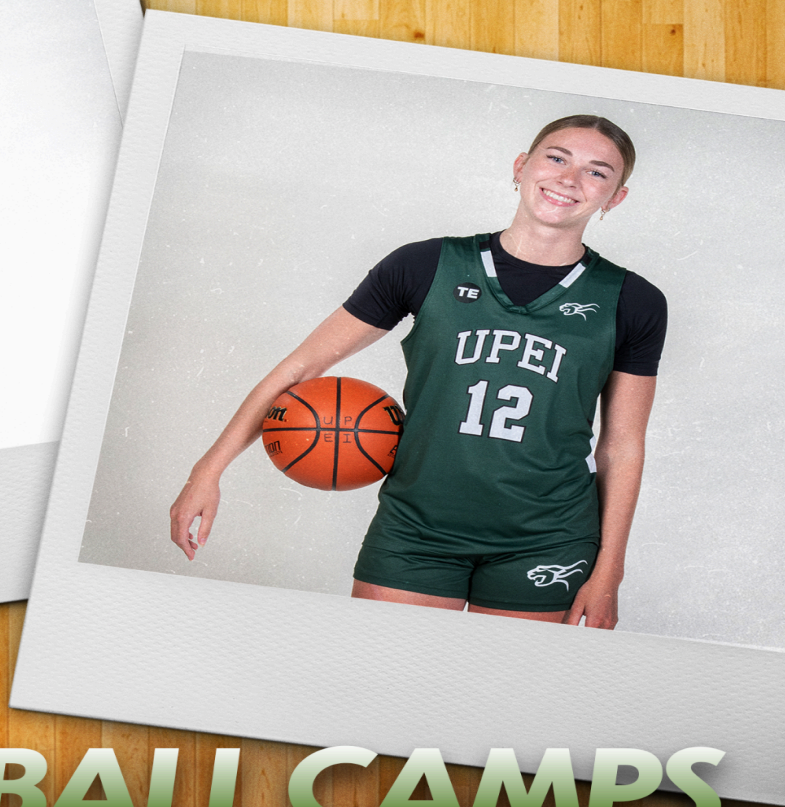
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Charlottetown Summer 2026 English Camps

AGES	5-8	8-12	10-14
Location	Holland College	Holland College	STEAM PEI
JUN-JUL 29-3	Art in STEM	Stop Motion Animation	
JUL 6-10	Wild Animal	Design Lab	Engineering for the Future
JUL 13-17	GeoGenius	Stop Motion Animation	Game Makers
JUL 20-24	STEAM Explorers	Tech Bytes	Girls in Design
JUL 27-31	Space Quest	Online Investigators	MakerLab
AUG 4-7	Wild Animal	Stop Motion Animation	Engineering for the Future
AUG 10-14	Space Quest	Design Lab	Game Makers
AUG 17-21		8-12 ←	Online Investigators
AUG 24-28		Girls only, 8-12 ←	EcoGirls



BASKETBALL CAMPS



REGISTRATION LINK

JULY 6-10: Elementary Camp Half Day
JULY 13-17: Jr. High Camp Full Day
JULY 20-24: Elementary Camp Half Day
AUG. 3-7: Elementary Camp Half Day
AUG. 10-14: Jr. High Camp Full Day
AUG. 17-20: Elementary Camp Half Day
AUG. 24-28: Full Day Super Camp (Elementary & Jr. High)



Parlons et apprenons !
Let's talk & Learn!

Practice English and French together
Pratiquer l'anglais et le français ensemble

Programme d'échange de langue
Language Exchange Program

- Apprendre dans un environnement détendu
Learning in a relaxed environment
- Améliorer ses compétences linguistiques
Improve conversation skills
- Rencontrer des membres de la communauté
Meet new people in the community

Places limitées / Limited spots

Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant !
Register now !



3 rencontres les vendredis de 17 h à 19 h pour 24,99 \$
3 sessions on Fridays from 5 pm to 7 pm for \$24.99

Au programme / On the agenda

April 24th / 24 avril 2026



Jeux interactifs
Interactive games

Service de garde offert | Repas offert
Free babysitting services available |
Food provided
5 acadian drive, Charlottetown PE

May 22nd / 22 mai 2026



Atelier de cuisine
interactif / Interactive
cooking workshop

Plus de détails à venir
More details coming soon

June 19th / 19 juin 2026



Sortie à l'extérieur
Outdoor outing

Plus de détails à venir
More details coming soon

